BATTLE OF LENS RAGING FIERCEL WITH NEW VIGOR

Southeast of Loos, British Announce.

Gen. Haig Rips New Gashes into Teuton Defense, Gaining More Ground and Taking Prisoners.

(By the International News Service.) London, April 22.-A new battle of Len is raging.

"Sharp fighting occurred through the day southeast of Loos." This is the laconic way British headquarters refer-red to it in its night bulletin. Even more "tame" is Berlin's official mention of it: "Infantry fighting is proceeding near

What is actually happening on that blood-soaked battlefield is the supreme contest between Britons and Teutons for the great French mining city Lens and its rich coal producing environs, called "France's black district."

Just a Week Ago,

It was exactly a week ago today that Sir Douglas Haig's forces—the Canadians in the fore—swept down upon Lens in their mighty onrush, only to be halted by almost superhuman tenacity of re-sistance in the very outskirts. "Lens has fallen" was the word then flached from

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But when evening came the Teutons still held the city firmly and the British high command had decided that the city was not quite "ripe" yet. So for a full week the titanic array of guns has been paving the way for new onslaughts, Gen. Horne, the British master of artillery. Horne, the British master of artillery directing the unceasing bom-

The British night report shows already the forces of Gen. Haig have ripped new gashes into the Teuton de-fense, gain of further ground being an-nounced southeast of Loos, as well as the capture of prisoners.

Now in Full Swing.

Earlier in the day a British advance had been announced, together with the repulse of three violent Teuton counter-thrusts. But the real battle did not begin until late this afternoon. It is now in full awing. It is expected that the British will not rest until Lens is in

Meanwhile the French army in the Champagne had its hands full beating off a series of vigorous attacks by the crown prince's forces. One of the bitterest hand-to-hand battles of the whole war took place around Moronvillers, where the Teutons charged again and again into the horizon blue lines. The French, Parls apparatus tenicht half Paris announced tonight, held is ground and inflicted terrific on the Teuton attackers.

BOLD HOLD-UP STAGED NEAR POLICE OFFICES

Negro Demands Money of Woman at Point of Revolver.

Almost opposite police headquarters and but half a block from where a crossing policeman is usually stationed, a negro entered the store of Mrs. Santina Freschi, 304 Fourteenth street northwest, last night at about 10:30 o'clock, and pointing a large revolver at her head demanded all the money in the cash drawer.

Mrs. Freschi ran screaming into the

rooms in back of the store, where her husband was, and the negro was scared off without having time to touch the cash drawer, pursued by Mr. Freschi, who later returned and informed the police of the incident.

According to the woman, the negro, whom she described as being very large and brown-skinned, entered the store and ordered a glass of soda water. She says he paid for the drink with a nickel and then asked her for a glass of plain water, She drew the glass of water and was rising with it when he pointed a revolver

ed by the woman's screams, observed the sentatives when it assembles today. Acnegro as he ran out of the store. They cording to the original plans of the House say he turned up Ohio avenue in the di-rection of the Mall. The children as well administration selective draft bill, but a as the woman state that they can iden-conference has the legislative right of

HOTEL CLERK ADMITS TAKING GUEST'S MONEY

Henry S. Grogan Arrested, Charged with Stealing \$900, Confesses.

Henry S. Grogan, white, 29 years old, employed as a clerk at the National Hotel, last night confessed to the police that he had stolen \$900 left in the hotel safe by a guest last Thursday. The money was discovered missing on

that day and the fact immediately orted to the police. Detective Sergt. F. auer was assigned to the case.

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After making a thorough investigation
the headquarters detective yesterday arrested the hotel clerk. At 19:39 last night
Bauer cross-examined Grogan, and after
catching him in several conflicting statements the cierk confessed having stolen the money and hiding it in an empty shaving-soap tube. The money was found intact with the exception of 19, which Grogan says he spent.

The arrested man says he is married and is from Virginia.

GERMAN BATTLESHIP REPORTED BLOWN UP

Teuton Vessel Rumored to Have Been Destroyed at Wilhelmshaven.

Amsterdam, April 23 (Monday) .-A German battleship is believed to have been blown up in the big naval port of Wilhelmshaven.

The Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant learns that a terrific explosion occurred in the port last Friday. The shock was felt many miles around.

Three Big Explosions Wreck New Jersey Chemical Plant; Fire Now Raging Unchecked

Kearney, N. J., April 22.—Three heavy explosions, followed Sharp Fighting Takes Place by fire, wrecked half of the Seaboard Bi-Products Plant, in the meadows on the Hackensack River near here tonight.

One man, a watchman, was killed outright.

The explosions occurred in rapid succession, beginning at 8:33 SUPREME CONTEST o'clock. They broke out in the laboratory building and quickly spread to a toolhouse and to the administration building, which was in the course of construction.

The fire is still burning fiercely, and twelve more big tanks filled with benzoin are in peril of going up.

Firemen are helpless, and there is only one hydrant at the plant from which they can draw water.

'On to Calais' Is Teuton Cry As 'Mosquito' Fleet Shells Coast, Aided by Aeroplanes

BOARD LIKELY

British Mission Will Consider

Joint Commission for Pur-

chase of All Supplies.

Proposals to establish a joint govern-

nental board in the United States for the

armies will be taken up by the British

commissioners in their conference with

American officials here, it was learned

last night. It is proposed to have a

board representing each of the entente

allies, which would purchase all supplies

and distribute them among the allies in

May Draw Heavily on Sum,

The present plan contemplates giving

great attention.

The most pressing problems are expected to be covered in legislation which will

Agriculture Houston today before the Senate Agricultural Committee. Secretary Houston has asked for legislation giving

the Council of National Defense authority

SHELLED SHIP

tured Crew Left on Deck

of Submarine.

trol boat, was told last night in a con-sular dispatch received by the State De-partment. All were saved within an hour by the patrol. Five Americans were on

The steamer, a freighter, which is not named in the dispatch as made public by the State Department, was attacked without warning. It was unarmed but

had wireless.

A torpedo passed astern. Twenty minutes later the submarine began shelling
from four miles astern. The freighter
did not stop and the submarine over-

hauled her within half an hour. In that time fifteen shots were fired, the last from a distance of 100 yards.

The vessel then stopped and the crew took to boats. The last shell, apparently shrapnel, was aimed at the port boat and exploded ten feet above it, wounding

struggle in the water until they could reach their life boat.

The captain of the freighter was de-tained on board the submarine.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The Washington Herald is printing daily no ices of births, marriages, and deaths among th

notices appear today on page 2.

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follow the appearance of Secretary

proportion to each nation's needs,

the commission officially,

Coveted French Seaport, Together with Dunkirk, Objects of Attack by German Forces.

Paris, April 22.-"On to Calais."

This watchword, which more than once has electrified the German people since the outbreak of the war, and which twice inspired the Kaiser's western army to terrific, though ultimately frustrate thrusts in Northern Belgium and France appears to have been revived.

A large German "mosquito" bobbed up suddenly off the big French seaport last night and subjected it to shells into the city and its environs,

"A large number of civilians were killed and twelve persons were slightly wounded," says the brief statement reporting the raid.

At the same time, a squadron of German aeroplanes appeared over Dunkirk, the second French port so often mentioned ag one of the Kalser's most cov

hall of bombs. "Three persons were slightly wounded." says the official report of this raid, adding, "the material damage was slight," Dunkirk lies half way between Ostend and Calais, some twenty-four miles to the east of the latter port. It is between

Dunkirk and Calais, on the French side, and Dover and Folkestone on the other, that most of the British transports to

taking could not be risked until Hinden-burg is absolutely convinced that his lines in France, especially before Douai and Laon, cannot be actually broken and

CONFEREES TO REPORT ON BOND BILL TODAY The Council of National Defense authority to fix maximum and minimum food prices, to regulate the distribution of foodstuffs, and to enforce the cultivation of all tillable lands should that become necessary.

Points of Disagreement in Measure U. S. MEN ON Will Be Settled Speedily.

The conference report on the points in at her and demanded the money.

Two children, Paul and Jennie Aron-House over the \$7,000,000,000 bond issue stone, who live across the street, attract-will be rendered to the House of Repreway, and so soon as Chairman Kitchin, for the conferees, shall decide to call the matter to the attention of the House, it

automatically takes preference.
It is not believed that there will be extended debate over the relinquishment by the House of its contention in the recent The House conferees have accepted the Senate amendments, almost without exception, under which the Secretary of the Treasury is empowered to deposit funds accruing from the sale of the bonds in trust companies and banks not members of the Federal Reserve Sys-tem, as well as with the member banks, as originally written into the bill.

The conference report, once out of the way in the House, will have similar rights in the Senate, where its consideration in the course of the afternoon is

The engrossed bill probably will be de-livered to President Wilson for his approving signature not later than to

Sailor Fires a Shot At His 'Sister Susie'

Women of the Navy League who have been urging the purchase of yarns and the knitting of socks and other warming habiliments for the jackies of Uncle Sam's navy were shocked yesterday to receive versified criticism from one of the sailormen. It came as the answer to a card from one of the knitters, who had inserted the little pasteboard, bearing her name, in the toe of her first production. This is it: "Some sox—some fit;
"I use one for a hammock and one

for a mit.
"I hope I shall meet you
"When I've done my bit;
"But who in the devil
"Taught you to knit?"

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR (left). British foreign secretary, and Robert Lansing (right), Secretary of State, taken in Union Station as the British commission arrived

EWASHINGTON HERALD



Crowds Cheer Balfour Party purchase of food supplies for the entente While Train Whistles Shriek And Allies' Flags Are Waved Impending Political Upheav-

Conferences upon the subject shortly The most completely perfect spring day | Belgium adding its little note of sym will be held between members of the that ever graced a ceremonial occasion British commission and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, Secretary of the Interior Lane, and Secretary of Commerce Redfield. Any agreement that might be reached would, it is believed, require special legislation by Congress before this government could deal with the commission officially. in the National Capital was what Washington awoke to find yesterday morning. Overnight the city had sprung into a able conflagration of brilliant bunt-Not only from the splendid resi-is lining the prospective route of the distinguished Britions from the great Presidential entrance to the Union Sta-

tion to the Sixteenth street palace which will be their home during the stay in Washington, but in the business sections. the joint food supply board permission to draw heavily for the purchase of supplies upon the \$3,000,000,000 that this govthe apartment house regions, and even

and Dover and Folkestone on the other, that most of the British transports to France are believed to be plying.

Last night's raids on the two French ports came upon the heels of a daring German torpedo destroyer raid on Dover, which, however, ended disastrously for the Germans, two, possibly three, Teuton destroyers having been sunk and the others put to flight by two vessels of the Dover patrol.

Military and political observers who look for a new German drive on Dunkirk and Calais point out that such an undertaking could not be risked until Hinden-

Belgium adding its little note of sympathy to the decoration.

From the graceful Venetian masts in front of the great white grantle station floated—they were too big to flutter—be flags of Great Britain, France, and the United States. They had been formally raised with much blaring of bugles and due ceremony at 7 o'clock in the morndue ceremonw at 7 o'clock in the morn-It was the beginning of Washing-

cemen tramped into Union Station a. They found awaiting them the regular station bluecoats and nearly a hundred Central office detectives and Secret Service operatives. The police-men quickly cleared the entire eastern end of the vast concourse in readiness

A few moments later up trotted Troops
C and D, of the Second United States
Cavairy, the guard of honor. Dismounting, they awaited the coming of the party, while State Department officials, army and paws officers. and navy officers, and the heads District of Columbia government

Congress Today Renews Fight Over Selective Draft System

days of this week. The selective draft authority to resort to conscription in the bill is the business before the Congress event the volunteer appeal fails to win in both its branches, and with the exception of voting approval on the conference report on the \$7.000,000,000 bond is-sue bill, no other business will be trans-acted in either house until conscription has been written into the law of the land

U-Boat Submerges with Cap-How nineteen members of a steamer crew, captured by a submarine, and placed on the deck of the U-boat while the Germans used their boat to send a battle against the committee majority, action which the Constitution entails bombing party on board the prize, were left struggling in the ocean when the submarine was forced to submerge suddenly by the approach of a British pa-

Conscription will hold the attention of excuse will be advanced by the admin-both Senate and House for the earlier istration's opponents that the commit-days of this week. The selective draft tee's bill gives the President complete

The contention of the administration upporters will be that in shifting from the one system to the other the army will be modernized, and that the conscriptive The fight for the administration in the cratic, and less extravagant than the vol-House starts with the handicap of an uniter method. Also it will be pointed unfavorable report from the Committee out in answer to the anti-conscription on Military Affairs, where the majority of the committee has drafted a bill committing the country to a "try-out" of the volunteer system before resorting to dent, leaves the burden of resorting to conscription. Representative Kahn, the conscription on the shoulders of the ex-California Republican, who has been ecutive department of the government delegated to wage the administration's and dodges that joint responsibility for

Pastor Kills Mother-in-Law And Wife in War Argument

wife and mother-in-law persisted in up- Berry, was strongly pro-German

and exploded ten feet above it, wounding three of the occupants, one of them an American. None was seriously injured. The submarine commander then placed the crew of nineteen on the U-boat's deck so that he might use the ship's boat to send a bombing party on board. The sudden appearance of an admiralty patrol boat sent the submarine below the surface, leaving the freighter's crew to struggle in the water until they could and revolver were found beside his body, struck her in the mouth killing her inOver the porch of the clergyman's home where the shooting occurred, there floated the Stars and Stripes as the three bodies lay within. Three young children, daughters of the clergyman and his wife, were in their room. Their father made root the fired, the builet striking no attempt to harm them. Only two hours after the time of the tragedy Rev.

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Mr. Berry was to have officiated at the regular Sunday services in his church.
The pofice obtained their explanation of the tragedy from Miss Caroline Bahr,
Mr. Berry's sister-in-law. Mrs. Carolina Bahr, 72 years old, mother of Miss Bahr had been a clergyman for about twenty years. and Mrs. Berry, was the other victim years.

He was a leader in patriotic movements

Yonkers, N. Y., April 22.-Because his Germany, and with her daughter, Mrs. wife and mother-in-law persisted in upholding the Kaiser, while he stood upfor America in a war argument that lasted all night, Rev. Robert F. Berry, pastor of the Congregational Church in the Bronx Manor section of Yonkers, today, shot and killed both women. He wounded his sister-in-law, who escaped by foliaging death, and then he compute.

Berry, was strongly pro-German. Russian problems recently. Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, and the two women and the clergyman has been mentioned as the probable chairman of the commission to Russia, and the second over the argument, she said, and koot be sent upon such a mission he would go to France or Italy instead of to With his youngest daughter, Eva.

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Russian problems recently.

Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, but it is now believed that should Mr. Root be sent upon such a mission he would go to France or Italy instead of to With his youngest daughter, Eva.

by feigning death, and then he committed suicide.

The clergyman left a note bearing only two words, "insane Prussians." The note at his mother-in-law first. The bullet and revolver were found beside his body.

of the tragedy.

Miss Bahr, according to Police Capt.

Brady, said that Mrs. Bahr was born in Guards, which he helped to organize.

BRITISH MISSION WARMLY GREETED BY GAY THRONGS

Party Escorted to Long Residence By U.S. Officials. Balfour, Smiling, Poses for Cameramen.

The British war mission, headed by Foreign Secretary Arthur J. Balfour, arrived safely yesterday afternoon, and after passing through cheering throngs at the Union Station and through the crowded streets which led to the home of Breckinridge Long, in Sixteenth street, the members of the mission are resting up for the labors that await them. The tension of the last ten days was relaxed last night, now that the distinguished visitors are

So far as could be learned, there was no untoward incident from the time the mission left British shores until it arrived in Washington.

When Mr. Balfour made his way from the Presidential room in the east end of the station, accompanied by Secretary of State Lansing and Col. Harts, President Wilson's military aide, there was a storm of handclapping and cheering. Balfour Baises Hat.

Balfour Program Today

Visits Secretary of State Lansis Pays a call of respect on President Wilson, accompanied by Mr. Lansing, shortly after 11 o'clock. Visits Vice President Marshall, accompanied by Assistant Secre-tary of State Phillips, about noon. Has luncheon with French Am-bassador, J. J. Jusserand.

Is guest of President Wilson at a state dinner at the White House

WILL DISCUSS TEUTON REVOLT

als to Be Considered by British Mission

Impending political upheavals among trip and his railway journey had rested the central powers stood out last night easily upon him, and he chatted affably for first consideration by the British- with Mr. Lansing. Just as he turned for first consideration by the British-American conferences to be begun here today

in Germany and Austria-Hungary, the his rumblings of revolution from those powers, the financial crisis there, the apparent lassitude of the Austro-Hungarian thou ers, the financial crisis there, the apparent lassitude of the Austro-Hungarian military forces, the seeming weakness of the German military machine itself on the west front—all these things, concentrated, produced a situation to be as carefully studied as the method; by which the United States shall feed the entente allies and help in a military way

That there is a probability the war will end as suddenly as it began is admitted in official circles here. Whether the mission during their stay predictions of this character are founded on no other information than that which has been given to the public gen-way American diplomats in Furope is un- dep

Reports of startling developments to tria-Hungary are being carefully considered by all officials of the government t is certain that the German autocracy, acing disaster on the west front and esieged by dissenters on all sides in Berlin, has a yet more serious problem to solve if it prevents the entire collapse of the Austrian-Bulgarian allies. A plea by Austria-Hungary for a sepa-

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U.S. ENVOYS GOING ABROAD

President Soon Will Name Delegations to France, Russia and Italy.

President Wilson shortly will name emmissions composed of American business men and economists to go to made because of a refusal to obey the

Prof. Harper, of the University of Chicago, who recently has been in Russia, is said to be President Wilson's choice for chairman of the commission. Prof. Harper is said to be intimately acquainted with the Russian economic and political life, and to have given President Wilson considerable information about

The probability is that most of the members of the commission will be men from the grain-producing sections of the Middle West, because of the fact that grain is more in demand in Europe than any other class of food supplies, and it is desired to send men who know the grain capacity of the United States to ssist in the supply arrangements.

MME, BERNHARDT NO BETTER. New York, April 22 - Sarah Bernhardt, the famous emotional actress, still is n a critical condition at the Mount Sinai

Hospital. A builetin issued tonight by her physician said:
"Mme. Bernhardt's condition is sta-tionary. There is no longer any general effect from the infected kidney, but the underlying conditions have not impro sufficiently to make the outlook more of tain than it has been."

As he entered the gateway, Mr. Balfour cknowledged the enthusiastic popular reception by raising his hat, which he carried as he walked between the banks of people to a waiting automobile. Outside the station there were thousands afoot and in automobiles . Every sands afoot and in automobiles. Everywhere the sational colors were displayed
and many women had British flags. Automobiles joined their horns and sirens to
the handclapping and cheering when Mr.
Balfour appeared in front of the station.
"This is very, very moving," said the
British secretary to Mr. Lahsing as they
were stepping into their automobile. He
recalled his farrecalled his first visit to the United States in 1870. At that time he had just been graduated from Cambridge, and was making a tour of the world. That he re-

called the difference forty-seven years had made in his life was evident from a remark he dropped later to Mr. Geoffrey Butler, of the British foreign office, who member of the mission Accommodates Cameramen,

When Mr. Balfour stepped from his car in the station he faced a camera. Oblig-insiy he slackened his galt while the photographer got his picture. The minute the head of the mission showed him-self to the crowds inside the station there began a cheer that grew as he walked along to the gate leading to the

He walked as though his trans-Atlantic was waved by a woman on the fron

thought that Mr.

night. Mr. Butler said that ev Mr. Butler made it clear that the Brit-

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GERMANS MUST DISARM TODAY OR FACE ARREST

Enemy Aliens Having Firearms After Noon Will Be Taken Into Custody

General disarmament of Germans in the United States will have been accomplished by noon today. All Federal and police officials have been instructed to arrest any German found with any kind of firearm in his possession after midday. Following up President Wilson's orders for the general disarmament of enemy aliens in the United States, the Department of Justice late yesterday sent out instructions to agents all over the United States to Essue one more informal warn. States to fisue one more informal warning to the Germans that guns and re-Volvers must not be kept by them.

A number of arrests of Germans, espe-

in the East, are expected battle against the committee majority, leading the constitution entails. The conscription fight in the Senate Democrat, is convinced that the administration ultimately will win a victory.

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The commission to Russia probably will their arms. It was said that nearly 100 be the first named, because of the moral Germans in various cities are under sus-

PROTEST CONSCRIPTION

A mass meeting for the purpose of explaining fully the measure legalizing conscription and espionage bill which is now pending before Congress was held at Pythian Tempie last night.

J. E. Howe, the millionairs hobo, made an address in which he said he was against conscription. Julian Plerce de-clared himself adverse to the pending clared himself adverse to the pendir legislation. Miss L Warrenson, Kansas City, presided at the meeting.

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